

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re: Steve Barhorst  
Serial No: 10/804,913  
Filed: March 19, 2004  
For: Metal-Core Gas Metal Arc Welding  
of Ferrous Steels with Noble Gas  
Shielding  
Customer No.: 29127

Confirmation No: 8366  
Group: 1725  
Examiner: Tran, Len

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION**  
**REQUIREMENT**

VIA FACSIMILE: 571-273-8300

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the pending Restriction Requirement, mailed September 26, 2005  
(Paper No. 09192005),

-amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims in section a); and

-the remarks are set forth in section b).

A one month extension requested for this response.

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